

**House Resolution 1 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)**

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and others

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Naming the forthcoming new state appellate judicial complex the "Nathan Deal Judicial Center"; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Governor Nathan Deal has served honorably and excellently as the highest executive officer of the State of Georgia from 2011 to 2019; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Governor Deal will take his place among the state's greatest governors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this session of the General Assembly of Georgia thus offers an appropriate opportunity to reflect upon the Governor's singular and significant contributions to his state and her citizens and to honor those contributions; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after graduating with undergraduate and law degrees from Mercer University, he began a lifetime of public service in the United States Army at Fort Gordon in Augusta; and
- 12 WHEREAS, thereafter, he started a private law practice in Gainesville, then again entered into public service, first as a prosecutor, then moving onward and upward to judge, State Senator, and Representative of Georgia's Ninth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Georgia's eighty-second Governor, he guided the state through the throes of difficult financial times, grew local small businesses, attracted top corporations from around the globe, produced consistently balanced budgets, maintained Georgia's AAA bond rating, increased the state's "rainy day" reserve fund to more than \$2.5 billion, implemented investment in the state's transportation system, and effectuated criminal and educational reforms; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia consequently enjoys a robust business climate and  
23 economy that make possible the construction of a new state appellate judicial complex  
24 worthy of the state's top judges and justices; and

25 WHEREAS, it therefore is proper and appropriate to honor Governor Nathan Deal's lifetime  
26 of public service and dedication to the State of Georgia by naming after him the new home  
27 and symbol of justice in the state.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
29 GEORGIA that the new state appellate judicial complex, to be completed in 2019, be forever  
30 designated and known as the "Nathan Deal Judicial Center."

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Fiscal Officer, under direction of the  
32 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is authorized and directed  
33 to procure and provide for the placement of any and all signs and markings as may be  
34 determined appropriate by such officers to so designate the building.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Governor Nathan Deal and to the public and the press.